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Thanks

- .. To parents who have offered transport and supervision to next week's year 4-6 Ten Pin Bowling Tournament.
- .. To Maria Fribbens for the scones dropped to the staffroom this week.
- .. To those parents who have returned interview appointment forms.
- .. To all those who donated items to the family who lost everything in the house fire. They are overwhelmed with your generosity.

People of the week

- .. Year 7 and 8 students for pushing their boundaries at last week's Rock Wall day at Taurikura.
- .. Jaynaia and Grace who recently auditioned with their cheer leading team for N.Z.s got talent.
- .. Tyrah who has gone up 6 levels in her reading in the last 6 weeks, and Brooke who has gone up 5 levels. Well done girls!
- .. Mrs Pol for amazing service in the junior school - above and beyond!
- .. Our faithful PMP helpers who come every week.

CO-OPERATION VIRTUE

Last week support material was sent home on the co-operation virtue. If you have not already done so please set aside time ..

- .. to read over and discuss this with your children
 - .. to speak about the role that CO-OPERATION does / has played in your life
 - .. to maybe identify some CO-OPERATION targets with your children.
- Let us know of any special gains so we can celebrate them quietly with your child, or more widely through the newsletter as an encouragement to us all.

Coming up this term

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| 11 June | Visit by team from Education Review Office |
| 15 June | Portfolios issued to parents |
| 20 June | Visit by reps of Whangarei Girls' High (year 8 girls) |
| 25/26 June | Parent / Teacher Interviews |
| 26 June | Matarau School Science Fair Prize Giving |
| 27 June | Mobile ear Clinic outside Bush Rd Medical Centre |
| 29 June | Final day of term 2 |

Mid year Interviews - 25/26 June

Interview appointment forms were sent home this week. Times will be allocated on a first in basis. If you do not receive a form please contact the school office. If these days do not suit, teachers are available in the new term by appointment.

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Early Finish – 25/26 June

This is a reminder that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 25 and 26 June to enable teachers to prepare for parent / teacher interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30-40 minutes earlier on these days and that parents who pick children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

Year 6 ten Pin Bowling – 12 June

Good luck to our three teams. Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr Schuster please. A reminder that parents who transport are also responsible for the supervision of these children throughout the day - a special thanks to these parents.

Portfolios

Will be sent home next week .. more to follow in next week's newsletter.

SKIDS After School Care Programme

A reminder that our After School Care Programme will finish at the end of this term. If this presents any particular problems for you, please drop by and we will see if we can help. It may be that the parents of one of your children's friends may be willing to look after them until pick up, or perhaps a member of our school community might be willing to supervise from home on a charge basis as happens in some schools. If numbers lift there is a chance that SKIDS management might review this decision at some future date.

Famine

Parents of famine participants are asked to support in the collection of sponsorship money. It would be great to have all sponsor money (and sponsor booklets) at school by 15 June please.

Please note that if a child did not collect sponsor ship money their booklet still needs to be returned to school. Thank you for your support.

Matarau Hockey – Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 2 June :



C Grade – Dayna



D Grade – Olivia



E Grade – Brianna

International Schools Competition

Practice papers (and answer sheets) were provided last week for students participating in the International Schools English Examination (Exam date 31 July).

Parents are asked to ..

- .. see that the exams are sat at a suitable time and in a suitable place.
- .. help ensure that at LEAST one practice paper is attempted each week.
- .. assist with marking (and timing). Answer sheets will be sent home shortly to assist in this process.
- .. let us know if we need to adjust homework loads elsewhere or of any emerging problems.

International schools Maths Papers

.. will be available from next week.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fee

Parents of year 7 and 8 children who have not yet paid their technology fee are asked to do so within the next week please - either through the school office or by internet banking.

Year 7 and 8 - Science Fair / Action research

Any questions about topics / experiments to Mrs Donaldson or Mr D please on scottydelemare@gmail.com.

Please make contact early if you sense your child is encountering difficulty or is falling behind.

School Contribution / Activity Fee

If you opted for term payment of school contributions (voluntary) or activity fees please pay by the end of next week, or contact Kevin or the office to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Scholastic Book Order

Issue 4 went home last week. Payment and orders due back to school office by 15th June.

Netball Fees

A reminder that the \$40 fee for Yr 5-6 netball is required to be paid asap as this needs to be handed on to the Netball Association. Thank you to those who have paid promptly... still a few to come.

Finally

Some more results from our "Learning Styles Survey". (all children took part years 3 to 8).

.. When responding to the statement 'I like making my own choices about how I learn' 77% of students agreed or strongly agreed, 18 % were not sure and 5% of students disagreed or strongly disagreed.

.. When responding to the statement "I learn from my mistakes" 82% agreed or strongly agreed, 12% were not sure and 6% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

Remember .. our newsletter is available through our website and can be emailed on request.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your
children, please support



Lost

Lost brand new Nike Jacket, black with white side panels. Purchased Thursday - missing at school Friday!!!!

If anyone has seen please return to Olly Parker (room 10) or the office. Thank you.

Community Notices

For Sale – Chihuahua puppies, fully vaccinated \$600 ea, Ph 4336040.

For Sale - 12 ft trampoline with recently renewed mat and safety net (Christmas time) \$200.00, Many different size chook homes various prices. Please phone Michele 4335061 or 0274810450

For Sale - Free Range Eggs, \$5 per dozen, Will deliver to school. Phone Carol Welsh 433 5035.

Pop Up Books – Display of 'paper engineered' books collected over 30 years. Old Library Art Centre, Rust Ave, 16th May-9th June.

Parenting courses – "Sowing the Seed"- being the parent you want to be, Manaia View School - Wed 13th, 20th & 27th June 10.00am – 2.30pm, "Being Grandparent-Parent" - 2nd time around , Thursdays 14th, 21st & 28th June, 10.00am-2.30pm, Te Moemoea Room, 64 Murdoch Crescent, Whangarei. Six sessions over three days with lunch provided, To register contact Jigsaw North: 438 8852.

School Fundraising

FIREWOOD WANTED!!!!

As part of our fundraising this year, we would like to sell firewood. So we are currently looking for:

- Donations of trees/wood
- Volunteers
- Woodsplitters
- Trailers



If you can help out in any way please phone Sharon Smith on 4338371 or 027 631 9361 as soon as possible.

Many Thanks.



The middle school participates in Jump Jam three times a week. It's a mixture of dance and aerobics and we all have fun doing it, it's very creative and motivating. There's something fun and challenging for everyone!